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Special Needs Resource Directory



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Let the **Special Needs Resource Directory** be your online guide for special health care information.

There you will find quick links to help you:

- Locate information on specific disabilities
- Identify strategies to help you advocate for your child
- Develop community connections for ongoing support

UPCOMING EVENTS

Find local meetings and classes where you can learn and connect with others. Information is on the [Calendar of Events](#).

NEW RESOURCES

ALERT BOX

The Mental Health Parity Act will require that insurance companies treat mental illness and drug addiction the same way they do any other illness. Read more about [mental health](#) resources.

Community Resource Information Fair

Join us on Thursday, March 25, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fifth Third Bank Auditorium, Location D, [Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center](#). Meet with agencies supporting children with special health care needs and attend free, informative workshops on home care, future planning, specialized learning centers and developmental disabilities. See our [flyer](#) for more information or email ava.fried@cchmc.org with any questions.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities can help your child with education, vocational rehabilitation, financial assistance, respite and individualized supports. Learn more about their [services](#).

Fun and Fit

The [Fun and Fit Directory](#) is available online to help you find recreational, leisure and fitness activities in the Greater Cincinnati area for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Let the fun begin!

Planning for an Emergency

It is important to have a well thought out plan ready for your child with special needs in the event you are faced with a sudden emergency or disaster. Find tips and organizers to help you [be prepared](#).